

HCS HB 1337 -- CHILD CARE FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Gregory (051)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 15 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1337.

This bill prohibits the state from requirements that are stricter than federal regulations for participants in the program for at-risk children through the Child and Adult Food Program, 42 U.S.C. 1766. Child care facilities shall not be required to be licensed child care providers to participate in such federal program so long as minimum health and safety standards are met and documented.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there are many children who benefit from these services, so the state should be interested in continuing to serve them. By keeping the state the same as the federal government, facilities providing these services can keep their administrative costs lower to continue providing food.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gregory; Kids Win Missouri; Operation Food Search; and the Missouri State Alliance of YMCAs.

OPPONENTS: Arnie C. Dienoff provided written oppositional testimony.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.